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ELECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 43 OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE TERMS ARE DUE TO EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 1997

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In conformity with article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the 6th meeting of the States parties to the Convention will be convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 February 1997, for the purpose of electing five members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child from a list of persons nominated by States parties, to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 28 February 1997 (see annex I). The names of the other five members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 28 February 1999 appear in annex II.

2. In accordance with the procedure set out in article 43, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 16 September 1996, invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of five members of the Committee within two months, i.e. by 15 November 1996.

3. In compliance with the provisions of article 43, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the Secretary-General has the honour to list below, in alphabetical order, the names of the persons nominated for election to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, indicating the States parties which have nominated them. Biographical data of the persons nominated, as furnished by the States parties concerned, are contained in annex III to the present document.

Name of candidate	Nominated by
Waheeba G. Fare'e Al-Fakih	Yemen
Ibrahim Bin Abdul Aziz Al-Sheddi	Saudi Arabia
Nana Araba Apt	Ghana
Hoda Badran	Egypt
Rodrigo Crespo Toral	Ecuador
Natallya Drozd	Belarus
Flora C. Eufemio	Philippines
Francesco Paolo Fulci	Italy
Adam Lopatka	Poland
Seidou Adamou Mazou	Niger
Nafsiah Mboi	Indonesia
Ahmed Abdel Halim Mohamed	Sudan
Esther Margaret Queen Mokhuane	South Africa
Swithun Tachiona Mombeshora	Zimbabwe
Nancy Ngom Ndiaye	Senegal
Rolando Quiros Fonseca	Costa Rica
Ghassan Salim Rabah	Lebanon
Anita Rektina	Latvia
Marilia Sardenberg Zelner Gonçalves	Brazil
Omar Tumi Shebani	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Bernard Mulunda Simpokolwe	Zambia
Jorge Vila Despujol	Bolivia
Atalay Yörükoglu	Turkey

Annex I

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 1997

Name of member	Country of nationality
Mrs. Hoda Badran	Egypt
Mrs. Flora Corpuz Eufemio	Philippines
Mr. Swithun Tachiona Mombeshora	Zimbabwe
Mrs. Marta Santos Pais	Portugal
Mrs. Marilia Sardenberg Zelner Gonçalves	Brazil

Annex II

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 1999

Name of member	Country of nationality
Mrs. Akila Belembaogo	Burkina Faso
Mr. Thomas Hammarberg	Sweden
Mrs. Judith Karp	Israel
Mr. Youri Kolosov	Russian Federation
Miss Sandra Prunella Mason	Barbados

Annex III

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA OF NOMINEES

Waheeba G. Fare'e Al-Fakih (Yemen)

Personal

Date and place of birth: 22 August 1954, Taiz, Yemen
Married with five children
Languages: Arabic (standard, dialects), English, French

Positions held

Professor of Educational Planning and Development, Faculty of Education Sana'a University, 1987-1990
Professor of Sociology, Philosophy of Education, Department of Foundation of Education, Faculty of Education, Sana'a University, 1990-1994
Professor of Women's Education, Sociology Department, Faculty of Arts, Sana'a University, 1994/1995
Dean of Yemen International Language Institute, 1989-1995
Rector of ARWA University, 1996

Education

Ph.D., Foundations of Education, Ain Shams University, Cairo, 1987
M.A., Education, Ain Shams University, Cairo, 1983
B.A. in Arabic and Islamic Literature, Faculty of Arts and Education, Sana'a University, 1976

Other activities

Member and advisor for many Yemeni non-governmental organizations and associations
Member and advisor for many Yemeni governmental organizations
Member of Advisory Committee to SWAY in Yemen
Member of World Council for Curriculum and Instruction
Member of Arab Curricula Association
Member of Educational Arab Union
Member of Yemeni Women National Preparation Committee to the World Conference on Women in China, 1995
Founded the Women's Education Department, Ministry of Education Sana'a, 1976
Founded the Yemen International Language Institute, Sana'a, 1989
Established the M.A. in Higher Education at the Faculty of Education, Sana'a University, 1990
Founded the Women Studies Center at the Faculty of Arts, Sana'a University, 1992
Founded Queen ARWA University, Sana'a, 1995
Founded the International Development Center, 1994

Written work

Ph.D. dissertation, "Basic education in Yemen according to the social needs and new educational trends", 1987
M.A. dissertation, "Girl's education in Yemen: between reluctance and equal educational opportunity", 1983
50 newspaper articles on different subjects, 1983-1994
10 papers on women roles in Yemen, prepared for different workshops in and outside Yemen, 1984-1994
12 studies on women's education in Yemen
2 papers on higher education in Yemen
3 papers on curricula in the Yemeni educational system
2 papers on education and development in Yemen
4 educational reports for: UNICEF, UNESCO, the World Bank and the Embassy of the Netherlands, Radda Barnen, Sana'a.

Papers prepared for special conferences: available upon request.

Employment experience

Lecturer on Foundations of Education (Sociology, Philosophy, Planning) Sana'a

Ibrahim Bin Abdul Aziz Al-Sheddi (Saudi Arabia)

Personal information

Date of birth: 1951

Qualifications

1971	Bachelor in Arabic Literature, University of Riyadh
1979	Degree in Pedagogy, University of Oklahoma, United States of America
1980	Master in Pedagogy, University of Oklahoma

A doctorate thesis on international organizations is pending submission to the Islamic University of Al Imam Mohammad bin Saudi.

Professional experience

1970-1972	Teacher in secondary schools
1974-1978	Member of the Saudi educational mission to Afghanistan
1979-1980	Study in the United States of America
1981-1982	Technical supervisor to the Saudi National Commission for Education, Culture and Science
1984-1990	General Secretary of the Saudi National Commission for Education, Culture and Science
1984-1990	General Secretary of the Saudi National Commission for Childcare
1990-1995	Assistant Deputy, Ministry of Education, for technical affairs
1995 until now	Assistant Deputy, Ministry of Education, for culture and external relations

Participation in international conferences

Member of the Executive Committee of the Middle-East Office for The Blind

Member of the Executive Council of the Arab Organization for Education, Culture and Science

Deputy Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the UNESCO Executive Council

Chief of the delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the 26th session of the UNESCO General Conference in 1991

Chief of the delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the 43rd session of the International Educational Conference in 1992

Participation in various international conferences since 1981

Nana Araba Apt (Ghana)

Date of birth: 26 October 1942

Place of birth: Shama, Ghana

Present position and work address

Director,
Centre for Social Policy Studies
Faculty of Social Studies
University of Ghana, Legon

and

Head
Social Work Program
Department of Sociology
University of Ghana, Legon

Educational background

Queen's University, Canada	B.A. (Philosophy, Psychology, English), 1965
University of Toronto, Canada	M.S.W. (Social Work), 1967
University of Ghana	Ph.D. (Sociology), 1989

Professional career

Canada: 1968-1970
Social worker, Children's Aid, Metropolitan Toronto
Counsellor, Big Sisters Counselling Services

Ghana: 1970-1996

Non-academic

Department of Social Welfare and Community Development, 1970-1979

Community development officer (Women's work programme)

Senior community development officer responsible for departmental statistical reporting

Head, Research and Evaluation Unit

Coordinator, Integrated rural development projects
(Aowin/Amenfi and Ejisu/Bosomtwe) sponsored by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation

Other professional experience, 1972-1979

Planned Parenthood Association of Ghana's field workers training evaluation Consultant, YWCA youth programmes

Member, National Advisory Committee on Social Welfare

Editor, The Social Worker Journal of the Ghana Association of Social Workers

Academic career: 1979-1996

University of Ghana, Sociology Department
Lecturer, 1979-1984
Senior Lecturer, 1984-1989
Coordinator, Social Administration Unit, 1986-1989
Head, Social Work Programme, 1989-1996
Director, Centre for Social Policy Studies, 1996
Professorship requested, 1995

A detailed account of subjects taught and teaching appointments is available for consultation in the Secretariat's files.

Other academic activities

Reviewer and referee for journals:

Cross-Cultural Journal of Anthropology
Journal of Social Development in Africa
Southern African Journal of Gerontology

Professional affiliations

A list of professional affiliations and memberships of boards and committees is available for consultation in the Secretariat's files.

Areas of publication and research

The family as a support system
Gender and gender roles
The family at risk
Children at risk

Education

Girls' education
Distance education
Teacher performance
Business education of women

Ageing and old age

The human life course
Culture and ageing
Inter-generational relationships
Social change and ageing
Gender and ageing

Consultancies

UNICEF, Ghana
PLAN International, Ghana
Action Aid, Ghana
UN Social Development Section, New York and Vienna
WHO, Copenhagen, Geneva and Brazzaville
UNESCO, Paris
Save the Children Fund, United Kingdom
Overseas Development Agency, United Kingdom
World Bank, Washington, D.C.
Organization of African Unity

A list of consultant's reports is available for consultation in the Secretariat's files.

Publications

Books

Coping with Old Age in a Changing Africa: Social Change and the Elderly Ghanaian, Ashgate Publishing Ltd., United Kingdom, 1996

At Christmas and on rainy days: Transport, Travel and the female traders of Accra, with Margaret Grieco and Jeff Turner, Avebury, Aldershot, 1996

Journal articles and chapters

Author of numerous articles and chapters, the full list of which is available for consultation in the Secretariat's files.

A full list of presentations, papers, working papers presented and conferences attended within and outside Ghana is available for consultation in the Secretariat's files.

Hoda Badran (Egypt)

Education

Ph.D in Social Welfare, Specialization: Community Organization and Citizen's Participation, School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve, Cleveland, Ohio, 1967.

Master in Social Administration
University of Louisville, Kentucky, 1959
B.Sc. in Social Sciences, American University in Cairo, Egypt, 1957.

Present positions

Professor of Community Organization and Social Research University of Helwan, Cairo

Chairperson, Committee on the Child, Egyptian Higher Council for Culture

Chairperson, Alliance for Arab Women, Cairo

Member, High Consultative Committee on Women, World Bank

Member, Committee on the Rights of the Child (Chairperson for two terms, 1989-1992)

Experience

1993-1995	Regional Coordinator for NGO preparation for the NGO Forum on Women, Beijing, 1995
1988-1993	Secretary-General, National Council for Childhood and Motherhood, Egypt
1980-1984	UNICEF representative in Sri Lanka and Maldives
1974-1980	Regional Advisor for children and women's programmes in the Arab region, UNICEF, Lebanon
1971-1974	Urban Development Advisor, UNICEF, Egypt
1967-1974	Professor of Social Development, Helwan University, Cairo
1965-1967	Research consultant for the National Urban League, New York, United States of America
1963-1965	Graduate assistant for the "Ford Project on the Aged" Case Western Reserve University, United States of America

Membership in NGOs

Global Fund for Women - USA
Federation for Arab Women
Society for Social Studies
Society for Social Work

Most recent papers and publications

"Participatory rights for children", paper presented to the meeting on child's rights, Salamanca, Spain, 1996

"Children under armed conflict in the Arab region", paper presented to the UNICEF meeting on armed conflict, Cairo, 1995

"Female heads of households", paper presented to the National Conference on the Family, Cairo, The Population Council, 1994

"The child's rights in a new international order", paper presented to the Royal Academy, London, 1993

"The road from Beijing" (unpublished paper)

"Rural women and sustainable development", paper presented to the Conference on Rural Sustainable Development, Alexandria, Egypt, 1992

Rural Development in the Arab World, study sponsored and financed by the United Nations University, 1992.

Rodrigo Crespo Toral (Ecuador)

Degree: M.D. Speciality Board Certification: Paediatrics

Present office: President of the National Council on the Handicapped (CONADIS)

Professional experience

1980-1988	Director-General	Inter-American Children's Institute (Organization of American States) Montevideo, Uruguay
1975-1980	Medical Doctor	Great Oaks Mental Retardation Centre, Maryland, United States of America
1968-1970	Paediatrician in the Emergency Room and Paediatrics Service	Lynchburg General and Marshal Lodge Hospital, Lynchburg, Va., United States of America
1968-1970	Medical Doctor	Lynchburg Training School and Hospital for the Mentally Retarded, Lynchburg, Va., United States of America
1957-1960	Paediatrician	Social Assistance Maternal and Child Clinic, Guayaquil, Ecuador
1963-1968	Director of the Male Children Ward (school age)	Leon Becerra Children's Hospital, Guayaquil
1957-1963	Staff Paediatrician, Assistant Director Infants' Service	Leon Becerra Children's Hospital, Guayaquil

Education

1953	Doctor of medicine	University of Guayaquil
1951-1953	Paediatrics Intern	Leon Becerra Children's Hospital Guayaquil
1954-1955	Intern	Lebanon Hospital, Bronx, New York, United States of America
1955-1956	Paediatrics Resident	Bronx Municipal Hospital Center, Bronx, New York
1959	Paediatrics Fellowship	Des Enfants Malades Hospital and Troussau Hospital, Paris, France

1967	Certificate	Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates, United States
1969	Certificate	Postgraduate Course on Mental Retardation, Letchworth Village, United States

Academic positions

1986 to date	Associate Professor of Paediatrics	Georgetown University Medical School, Washington D.C.
1977-1980	Founder and Director of the Clinic for Spanish-speaking Children	Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
1975-1978	Director of the Georgetown University-Pan-American Health Organization Training Programme	Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
1978-1980	Director of Special Affairs and Medical Coordination	Child Development Centre Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
1972-1978	Director of the Paediatrics Division	University Affiliated Programme for Child Development, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
1978-1986	Associate Professor of Paediatrics	Georgetown University Medical School
1970-1978	Assistant Professor of Paediatrics	Georgetown University Medical School
1970-1972	Director of Paediatrics	Hospital for Sick Children, Washington, D.C.
1959-1965	Professor of Paediatrics	University of Guayaquil Nursing School, Guayaquil, Ecuador
1949-1968	Professor	Rita Lecumberri College, Guayaquil

Professional and honorary associations:

Member of the Ecuadorian Society of Paediatrics since 1957

Member of the American Academy of Paediatrics since 1960

Member of the Panamerican medical Association since 1960

Honorary member of the Paediatrics Society of Uruguay since 1981

Secretary-General of the First Ecuadorian Paediatrics Congress

Co-founder of ASENIR (First Ecuadorian Association for the Care of the Mentally Retarded)

A full list of memberships and honorary memberships of professional associations is available for consultation in the files of the Secretariat.

Publications

Author of a number of books, studies and articles, a list of which may be consulted in the files of the Secretariat.

Natallya Drozd (Belarus)

Born:	18 February 1950, Region of Grodno, Republic of Belarus; married, one child.

Education

1971-1975	Minsk Institute of Foreign Languages, English Department
1982-1984	Moscow State University, Legal Department
1983-1986	Belarusian State University, Post-Graduate Department

Advanced studies

1993	United Nations Human Rights Centre, Geneva
1993	International Institute of Law, Strasbourg, France
1994	Centre for Political and Diplomatic Studies, London

Academic career

1975-1977	Lecturer at the Minsk Institute of Foreign Languages
1978-1982	Lecturer at the Institute of National Economy, Minsk
1987	Ph.D.
1991	Professor, Central Michigan University, United States
1987-1992	Associate Professor, Deputy Dean of the International Students Department, Belarusian State University

Career highlights

1970-1991	Activities in the missions of the USSR abroad (1970-1973: Egypt 1978-1980: Nigeria, 1990: France)
1992-1993	Second Secretary, Division of Information, Humanitarian Cooperation and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1993-1994	Head, Division for Humanitarian Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Since 1994	Director, Humanitarian Cooperation and Human Rights Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1992-1994	Member, delegation of Belarus to the United Nations General Assembly
1993-1994	Member, National Preparatory Committee for the International Year of the Family
1993-1994	Member, delegation of Belarus to the United Nations Commission for Social Development
1993-1996	Representative of the Republic of Belarus to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, Deputy Chairperson of the Commission

1994	Observer in the Steering Committee on Social Policy of the Council of Europe
Since 1994	Observer in the Steering Committee on Human Rights of the Council of Europe
1995	Member, delegation of Belarus to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights
1995	Member, delegation of Belarus to the World Summit for Social Development
1995	Secretary-General of the Interministerial Council on Cooperation with the Council of Europe, Deputy Head of the Working Group on Human Rights of the Council
Since 1995	Member, National Committee on the Rights of the Child

Affiliated activities

Member of the League of Women of Belarus
Member of the Union of Women of Belarus

The manifold issues related to the protection and promotion of human rights at the national and international levels are the most important responsibilities of Dr. Drozd. In particular, this relates to the coordination of the efforts aimed at improving children's welfare. She participated in numerous seminars and workshops on human rights problems. She took an active part in the elaboration of the initial report of Belarus submitted under article 44 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its consideration by the Committee on the Rights of the Child. She is permanently involved in the implementation of national policies in the field of the rights of the child. She closely cooperated with UNICEF representatives during the preparation of the report "Children and Women of Belarus: Today and Tomorrow" and actively participated in the implementation of other UNICEF projects.

She has a perfect command of English, French and Russian.

She is the author of a number of publications and articles on human rights issues.

Flora Corpuz Eufemio (Philippines)

Profession: Social Worker, Licensed (Board of Social Workers)

Education

Postgraduate Studies:	Master of Social Work University of the Philippines Quezon City, Philippines	1967
	Certificate of Child Welfare Supervision London School of Economics United Kingdom (Fellowship, Colombo Plan)	1963
Baccalaureate:	Bachelor of Arts (Major concentration in English Minor in Political Science) Far Eastern University Manila, Philippines	1950

Employment record and professional experience:

May 1995 to February 1997; September 1991 to February 1993	Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (elected by members of the Committee)
1993-1995	Member of the Board of Examiners for Social Workers, Professional Regulation Commission
1988-1991	Under-Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development
1987-1988	Assistant Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development
1974-1987	Director, Bureau of Family and Child Welfare, Ministry of Social Welfare and Development
1968-1974	Assistant Director, Bureau of Family and Child Welfare, Department of Social Welfare
1963-1968	Head Social Worker I, UNICEF Assisted Social Services Project, Social Welfare Administration
1952-1955	Welfare Officer, Division of Public Assistance, Social Welfare Administration
1951-1952	Social Worker, Division of Public Assistance, Social Welfare Administration

Citations for professional competence

21 June 1996	Outstanding Professional in Social Work, awarded by the Professional Regulation Commission, Republic of the Philippines
25 March 1996	For advancing the Status of Women and the Girl-children, awarded by the Soroptimist International of San Juan, Metro Manila, Philippines
1993	For contribution and unrelenting efforts for the promotion of Filipino children in particular and world's children in general, awarded by the Council for the Welfare of the Children, Republic of the Philippines
1991	Citation for unstinting and thorough technical and management guidance and judicious leadership as Chairperson of the Technical and Management Committee of the Council for the Welfare of Children, 1988-1991, awarded by the Council for the Welfare of Children
1989	For contribution to the national consultations on children under armed conflict, awarded by UNICEF, Philippines

Francesco Paolo Fulci (Italy)

Born in Messina, Italy on 19 March 1931

Law Degree "cum laude" in 1953 at the University of Messina. As a Fulbright Scholar, obtained a Masters Degree in Comparative Law at Columbia University in New York (1954-1955) under Professor Philip Jessup. He later received the Diploma of the Hague Academy of International Law and also attended the College of Europe in Bruges (1955-1956) on an Italian government scholarship.

Entered the Italian foreign service in November 1956

Has covered the following assignments abroad:

New York:
First Vice Consul at the Consulate General of Italy (1958-1961).
Assistant to Hon. Gaetano Martino, former Foreign Minister, Chief of the Italian Delegation to the fifteenth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Moscow:
Second Secretary at the Italian Embassy (1961-1963)

United Nations:
Member of the Italian Delegation to the twentieth session of the General Assembly presided by the Italian Foreign Minister, the Hon. Amintore Fanfani (1965)

Paris:
Counsellor and, later, First Counsellor at the Italian Embassy (1968-1974)

Tokyo:
Minister Counsellor of the Italian Embassy (1974-1976)

Ottawa:
Ambassador of Italy (1980-1985)

NATO:
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Italy to the North Atlantic Council in Brussels (1985-1991).
In March 1990, became Dean of the Ambassadors of NATO

United Nations:
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Italy (1993-present)

In this capacity, since April 1993, has had frequent and intense contacts with UNICEF, representing the Italian Government on the Executive Board, participating in many meetings promoted by UNICEF, and providing daily instructions to the members of the Italian delegation who follow the agency's activity.

Has assiduously followed the work of the Third Committee of the General Assembly on issues relative to the rights of the child, contributing, in 1995, to the drafting of the landmark resolution 50/153 for a comprehensive treatment of these issues.

Led the 1994 Italian initiative for a moratorium on the application of the death penalty, which calls in particular for the exclusion of juveniles from capital punishment.

Has represented Italy in the Security Council since January 1995. President of the Council in September 1995, coinciding with the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations. In this capacity, has repeatedly raised the issue of protecting children caught up in various conflicts (where United Nations peace-keeping forces have intervened), taking a special interest in the children who are suffering and dying in Iraq, and supporting measures to alleviate their plight. Has systematically denounced the policies of some factions in Liberia and Sierra Leone that recruit child-soldiers, and made sure that strong condemnations of this practice were inserted in the pertinent resolutions.

In Italy he has held the following positions:

Foreign Ministry:
Attaché at the Directorate General for Economic Affairs, North American Desk (1956-1958)

First Secretary at the Directorate General for Political Affairs, Soviet and Eastern European Desk (1963-1965)

Liaison Officer with Parliament in the Cabinet of the Foreign Minister (1965-1968). In 1967, set up the headquarters in Rome of the Italian-Latin American Institute, established by the 20 Latin American republics and Italy.

Italian Senate:
Chief of Cabinet of the President of the Senate (1976-1980)

Honorary Doctorate of Law from the University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, 1981

Admitted to the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, as Knight of Honour and Devotion, 1989

Honorary Doctorate of Law from St. Thomas Aquinas College, United States, 1996

A list of decorations received is available for consultation in the files of the Secretariat.

Fluent in English and French, working knowledge of Spanish.

He and his wife, born in Lima, Peru, have three children.

Adam Lopatka (Poland)

Professor Ordinarius at the Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Dean of School of Government and Foreign Service at the Independent College of Business and Administration, where he lectures on fundamentals of jurisprudence, encyclopaedia of law and international law on human rights.

Born on 10 November 1928 in Szlachcin, Poland.

In 1951, graduated from the School of Law and Economics of Poznan University as a Master of Law. He received a doctor's degree at the same School in 1958 and habilitation (doctor habilitatus) in the discipline of theory of state and law in 1962. He became Professor Extraordinarius in 1968 and Professor Ordinarius in 1973.

In 1950, commenced his professional career as a second assistant at the Department of Theory of State and Law. Promoted to first assistant and senior assistant. After habilitation in 1962 he became an assistant professor and then Head of the Department in the same year, appointed Vice-Dean of the School of Law and Administration at the Poznan University and two years later, in 1964, Dean. In 1967, established the Institute of Political Studies at the Poznan University and for three years held the post of Director. In 1969, appointed Director of the Academy's Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences. Held this position from 1969 to 1987.

President of the Board of the Association of Polish Jurists, 1971-1981; remains a member of the Association.

In 1976 and 1980, elected member of Parliament. In Seym, headed the Committee for Legislative Proceedings and then the Committee for Social Self-government Affairs. In mid-May 1982 elected Minister by Seym - Director of Department of Denominations. Held the office until the middle of 1987. In the same year appointed First Chairman of the Supreme Court by the Polish State Council (collective president) and held this office until the middle of 1990. Member of the Legislative Council.

Polish delegate to the General Assembly of the United Nations (Third Committee), 1977. Represented Poland in the Commission on Human Rights, 1978-1983. Deputy Chairman of the Commission, 1978. In the same year he introduced a draft of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. From 1979 to 1989, was annually elected Chairman-Reporter of the working group made responsible by the Commission for developing the draft of the Convention. Unofficially, was called the "godfather" of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. In 1984, headed the United Nations Seminar on the encouragement of understanding, tolerance and respect in matters relating to freedom of religion or belief. In 1988, received United Nations Award for Outstanding Achievements in the Field of Human Rights.

Has taken part in numerous conferences and seminars organized by UNESCO, UNICEF and NGOs focusing on promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and participated actively in conferences devoted to the rights of the child organized in Europe, Asia, South America and Africa.

Contributed to works on publication of the Commentary to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, as well as publication of the legislative history of the convention.

He has carried out scientific research and lectured at universities in Mexico, France, Yugoslavia, Russia, the United States, Japan and China.

His scientific interest centres on the philosophy of law, constitutional law, human rights and political studies. Has published several books and over 200 scientific articles in Poland and abroad. Chief organizer of numerous international conferences in Poland and a participant at scientific congresses abroad. Has also arranged conferences on the rights of the child.

Member of the International Institute of Human Rights in Strasbourg, the International Academy of Comparative Law, the International Association of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (for 16 years was a member of the Executive Committee of the Association), and the Academy of Social Sciences of the Russian Federation. In 1980, the University of Gainesville in Florida, United States, granted him the degree of doctor honoris causa.

Adam Lopatka is married. His wife is a doctor of medicine. They have two sons and four grandchildren.

Seidou Adamou Mazou (Niger)

Date of birth:	13 December 1955
Place of birth:	Niamey, Niger
Marital status:	Married

Education

Bachelor's degree in law:	University of Benin (Togo), 1979
Master's degree in law:	Legal studies, University of Benin (Togo)
Diploma, National School of the Judiciary:	Paris, 1982

Professional experience

September 1996	Procurator General, Niamey Appeal Court
1982-1984	District judge, Arlit
1984-1988	President, Court of First Instance, Zinder
1985-1988	Examining magistrate, Special Court
1988-1989	Vice-President, Court of First Instance, Niamey Judge, Special Court
1989-1990	President, Control Division, State Security Court Deputy Procurator General, Niamey Appeal Court
1990-1992	President, Court of First Instance, Niamey
1992-1994	Judge, Niamey Appeal Court
1994-1996	Director, Judicial Affairs Department, Ministry of Justice. This Department is responsible, inter alia, for collecting evidence and compiling files in civil, commercial and criminal cases, without prejudice to the powers vested in the courts
May 1996	Secretary-General, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights

Specialized training course

October-November 1993 Commercial litigation (National School of the Judiciary, Paris)

Seminars and symposia

International Humanitarian Law Seminar, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, May 1991, on the topic "International humanitarian law and Africa"

Regional seminar on human rights, Lomé, Togo, October 1992

Meeting of ECOWAS Legal Experts, Lagos, Nigeria, April 1994

Second Symposium on the Promotion of Human Rights in the Context of Structural Adjustments, OMCT/SOS Torture, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, June 1994

Harmonization of commercial law in Africa, meeting of Ministers of Justice, assisted by experts, Lomé, October 1994

Harmonization of commercial law in Africa, meeting of Ministers of Justice, assisted by experts, October 1995

Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Cairo, April/May 1995

Harmonization of commercial law in Africa, meeting of Ministers of Justice, assisted by experts, N'Djamena, April 1996

Workshop on the strategic plan to computerize Niger's economy, Niamey, December 1995

Sixth Summit Meeting of French-Speaking Countries, Cotonou, Benin, December 1995

Seminar organized by the National School of the Judiciary, Paris, on the administration of justice and justice departments, Paris, May 1996

Subregional Seminar on Intellectual Property, for judges from French-speaking Africa, organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization, Abidjan, August 1996

Commissions

Member of the Commission set up to Amend the Judicial Organization Act, the Supreme Court Act and the Order on the Status of the Judiciary

Member of the Commission to Draft the Code of Commerce, books I, II and III, completed and adopted

Member of the Commission set up to amend criminal legislation

President of the Credentials Commission, National Conference, 29 July 1991

Vice-President of the Election Monitoring Commission, Regional Branch of the Niamey urban community

Member of the Commission of Inquiry on the crash of the NAS Cessna 337D 5U-ABS, which occurred at Azéghouei on 15 December 1995

Chairman of the National Coordinating Committee to Combat Drug Abuse

Association

Member of the Niger Association of Human Rights

Nafsiah Mboi (Indonesia)

Profession:	Paediatrician
Occupation:	Member of Parliament, Republic of Indonesia
Place/Date of birth:	Sengkang, South Sulawesi, Indonesia 14 July 1940

Education

1958-1984:	University of Indonesia, Jakarta. Faculty of Medicine, (M.D., 1964)
1968-1971:	University of Indonesia, Jakarta. Faculty of Medicine. Specialization in Paediatrics (Paediatrician, 1971)
1981:	Senior Staff College. Department of Health, Government of Indonesia. Senior management training.
1989-1990:	Prince Leopold Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium. International course on health development. (Master of Public Health)
1990-1991:	Research Fellow, Harvard University. Takami Program in International Health, Harvard School of Public Health

Professional experience

Civil Service:

1964-1968:	Director, General Hospital, Ende, Floras
1968-1971:	Assistant in Paediatrics, Cipto Mangunkusumo General Hospital, Jakarta
1973-1974:	1. Staff, Provincial Health Service, Prov. of Nusa Tenggar Timur (NTT) 2. Deputy Director, General Hospital, Kupang, NTT 3. Head of Paediatrics
1978-1985:	Head, Community Health Services Division, Department of Health, NTT
1985-1988:	Senior specialist (Paediatrics), General Hospital, Kupang, NTT
1988-1992:	Staff, Secretary General, Ministry of Health

1992 to October:	Senior researcher, National Institute of Health Research and Development, Ministry of Health

Private practice of medicine

1964-1967:	General practice in Enda, Floras
1968-1978:	General practice in Jakarta
1972-1974:	Paediatric practice in Kupang, NTT
1975-1978:	Established/ran two private maternity clinics in Jakarta

Other health related assignments

1971-1972:	Assistant in paediatrics, Academisch Ziekanhuis, Gent, Belgium
1973-1974:	Director, Blood Transfusion Service, Indonesian Red Cross, Kupang, NTT
1975-1978:	Seconded full-time to the Indonesian Red Cross: Director, Blood Transfusion Service of the Red Cross for Metropolitan Jakarta
1978-1986:	Director, Blood Transfusion Service, Indonesian Red Cross, Province of NTT

Legislative experience

1982-1997:	Member of People's Consultative Assembly, highest Indonesian representative body (three terms)
1992-1997:	Member of Parliament RI

A full list of training, seminars, study visits, as well as lecturing activities since 1992 may be consulted in the files of the Secretariat.

Recent selected consultancies and other projects

1991:	Programme review of the Comprehensive and Integrated Reproductive Health Care Program (WKBT) of the Indonesian Planned Parenthood Association (IPPA) commissioned by the International Women's Health Coalition, New York, and carried out in Indonesia
1992:	South-East Asia regional coordinator: "Urban research in the developing world: towards a research agenda for the 1990s" and author of research paper on urban research in Indonesia. World project managed by the University of Toronto. Funded by the Ford Foundation.

Project advisor: World Bank study of community management of household water supply in rural settings with particular attention to roles of women in management systems

1992-1997: Project leader: five-country study of health of poor urban women working in the informal sector (Brazil, Indonesia, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Africa)

1993: Training team member: "AIDS advocacy and education", basic AIDS training for "Kancil", a public service group of advertising professionals

1995: Facilitator: Needs assessment workshop for women members of provincial and district Council, Province of Nusa Tanggara Timur. Output: design for three year program of capacity building "women in politics"

Major community activity 1978-1988

Chair, Dharma Wenita, Province of NTT (organization of wives of Indonesian civil servants)

Chair, Action Team of PKK in NTT (village family welfare movement)

Chair, Provincial Board for Coordination and Development of Non-Governmental Social Development Activity

Chair, NTT branch of Indonesian Planned Parenthood Association

Chair, Koparasi Serba Usaha "Wanita Candana" (women's cooperative), Kupang

Chair, Board of Advisors for Coordinating Board of Provincial Women's Organizations, Kupang

Other activity

1964-present: Member, Indonesian Medical Association

1971-present: Member, Indonesian Paediatric Association

1983-1993: Vice Chair, Indonesian National Council of Handicrafts

1989-present: Associate, The Synergos Institute, New York

1992-present: Member, International Advisory Board, Project on International Mental and Behavioral Health, Harvard Medical School, Department of Social Medicine

1993-1997: Vice Chair, Global Commission on Women's Health, established by World Health Assembly (1992)

1993-present: Member: Advisory Committee for World Vision International/ Indonesia

Member, Editorial Board, The Journal of Urban Health, Indonesia

1994-present: Member, Board of Trustees of US-Indonesia Society

Member, National Working Group on AIDS

1996-2000: Member, Board of Directors, International Women's Health Coalition

Publications

Author of numerous articles and conference papers prepared for international meetings/programmes, a list of which may be consulted in the files of the Secretariat.

Honours/awards

1982: Indonesian Red Cross: silver medal for 10 voluntary blood donations

1984: Honoured by Minister of Education for distinguished service in the field of non-formal education

1986: Magsaysay Award for Government Service. Awarded by the Ramon Magsaysay Foundation

1989: Satya Lencana Bhakti Sosial, awarded by President of Indonesia

1993: Chosen 1993 Fellow of the Australia-Indonesia Institute

Languages: Indonesian, Dutch, English, various local Indonesian languages

Ahmed Abdel Halim Mohamed (Sudan)

Date of birth: 15 April 1933

Marital status: Married with four children

Academic and professional qualifications

1958	B.Sc. Economics and Political Science, University of Alexandria
1961	A.L.A., The British Library Association, Registered Chartered Librarians
1962	Academic Post-Graduate Diploma in Librarianship, University of London Awarded the Cowley Prize for the best bibliographical research, submitted to the University of London (School of Librarianship and Archives), the first foreigner to be awarded this prize. An Annotated Bibliographicy of Islam and the Arab World (1961-1987).
1968-1969	Ph.D. in Education, Edinburgh Registered for this degree and was in residence at the University and wrote the substantive part of the thesis, but was called back by the Government of the Sudan to help in establishing the Ministry of Youth, Sports, Social and Religious Affairs

Career and professional experience

1958-1962	Library Assistant, University of Khartoum
1962-1964	Assistant Librarian of the University of Khartoum (in charge of the University Library Administration, the Arabic Library, the periodicals section, the Sudan Library, and the Central Library reading rooms, successively). The main contribution was the reorganization of both the Arabic Library and the Sudan Library that housed rare collection of books, manuscripts, papers and official reports.
1964-1969	Director of School of Extra-Mural Studies, University of Khartoum
1969-1971	Undersecretary of the Ministry of Youth, Sports, Social and Religious Affairs
1971-1972	Deputy Minister of Culture and Information
1975-1976	Minister of Culture and Information
1975-1977	President of the National Press Council
1975-1977	President of the National Cinema Corporation

1978-1981	Chairman of the Board of Directors of Al-Ayyam Printing and Publishing House
1979	Secretary to the High National Committee for Regional Rule
1980-1988	Director of Khartoum International Institute of Arabic, and Head of the Department of Documentation, Library and Publication (1980-1989) (Assistant Director General of ALESCO) This is a post-graduate teaching and research institute for the preparation of specialists in teaching Arabic to non-Arabic speakers, established by the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALESCO)
1989	Social Development Advisor to the President of the Republic of the Sudan
1989	UNICEF consultant and resource person (child development, education, and social development)
1990	Professor of Adult Education, University of Juba
1994	Leader of the Transitional National Assembly
1995-1996	Ambassador, Director of the European Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Khartoum
1996	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of the Republic of the Sudan to Austria Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Sudan to the International Organizations in Vienna

Membership of the Peoples Assembly (parliament) 1973-1978 and National Assembly 1992-1996

Member of the First and Second Assemblies
Leader of the People's Assembly, Second Assembly
Member of the Transitional Assembly
Leader of the Assembly

Publications

Author of a number of books, learned periodical articles and basic documents issued by the League of Arab States, ALESCO, including Arab Youth Policy, Status and Conditions of the Arab Child, Draft Charter of the Arab Child

Participated in drafting Arab Charter for Social Work, Arab Strategy for Social Work and Arab Charter for Comprehensive Social Development.

ALESCO First Mid-Term Plan of Action, co-editor

Arab document on the child, World Summit for Children

Author of the Arab Charter on the Rights of the Child

Member of drafting committee for the African Charter for Child Rights and Development

Arab Regional Plan for the Survival, Protection and Development of Child

Editor-in-Chief, Arab Journal of Language Studies

Mass media contributions

May be consulted in the files of the Secretariat.

Membership of boards, committees, commissions and associations (1957-1995)

Assumed various high ranking positions in a number of national, regional and international institutions. A list of these positions may be consulted in the files of the Secretariat.

Conferences

Organized and attended tens of conferences, seminars, workshops and symposia in the Sudan and at the regional and international levels, held in the Arab World, Africa, Asia, Europe and the United States of America. Had the opportunity to chair some of them, to act as secretary, or Rapporteur to others, to present papers and documents to many of them, and to edit the papers and proceedings of a few. Recent examples are:

Head of Sudanese delegation to the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development

Member of the ministerial and presidential delegation of Sudan to the World Summit for Social Development, March 1995

Member of Sudanese delegation to the Fourth Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement on Women and Development, Beijing, September 1995

Deputy Head of the Sudanese delegation to the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, September 1995

Leader of the Sudanese delegation to the International Congress against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, Stockholm, Sweden, August 1996

Decorations and honours

The list of decorations and honours received is available for consultation in the files of the Secretariat.

Esther Margaret Queen Mokhuane (South Africa)

Qualification	P.Phil et Litt. Ph.D., (pending corrections) UNISA
Present position	Head of Department of Clinical and applied Psychology, Medical University of Southern Africa (MEDUNSA)

Born in Alexandra Township, Johannesburg

Educated at Lourdes Primary School and Immaculata High School, Alexandra Township, Johannesburg

Academic and work history

Began academic career at the University of Zululand, proceeded to the University of Natal and University of South Africa.

1971-1973	B.A. degree, University of Zululand
1974	Bibl. University of Zululand
1975-1978 (February)	Worked as a librarian at the University of Zululand
1976-1977	Obtained Hons. Psychology degree, University of Zululand
1978-1979	Pursued a M.A. degree in Clinical Psychology, completed internship in Clinical Psychology, Fort Napier Psychiatric Hospital, Pietermaritzbug
Thesis title	Socio-cultural factors in Schizophrenia
1980	Clinical psychologist, George Stegmann Hospital, Saulspoort
1981-1983	Clinical psychologist/lecturer, Ga-Rankuwa Hospital and Department of Psychiatry, MEDUNSA
1984-1989	Senior Clinical Psychologist, Senior Lecturer - Department of Clinical and Applied Psychology (MEDUNSA)
1990	Head, Department of Clinical and Applied Psychology, MEDUNSA

Teaching psychology to medical and paramedical students since 1981

Involved in the training of clinical psychologists since 1986

Established Child Guidance Clinic, Ga-Rankuwa Hospital

Pioneered and developed psychological services at Ga-Rankuwa Hospital

Director of psychological services, Ga-Rankuwa Hospital

Committee member and advisor

Nov. 1989-Jan. 1990	Committee member: investigation of high failure rate among MEDUNSA students
1990/91	Member of Advisory Group to the Kelloggs Foundation on community based training for health personnel
1992	Chairperson, Senate Committee, MEDUNSA
1992	Committee and advisory member, Psychopathy - is it mental illness or not?
1993-	Chairperson, Gender Equity, Committee of Senate, MEDUNSA
1993-	Chairperson, Jan Robbertze Youth Trust
1994	Advisory member, Department of Psychological Services, South African National Defence Force. Our brief was to assist in the use of psychological tests with former freedom fighters and the integration of Mkoto We Sizwe (MK) and APLA-soldiers in the former South African National Defence Force
1994	Advisory member, Women's Health Project, University of the Witwatersrand and contributor to a book and women's health
1995	Committee member, Mental Health

Overseas visits

1985	Visited university clinics at the United States University of Wisconsin, Madison, to learn more about pain
1990	Toured the United States with a group of 10 academics as one of the advisory members of the Kelloggs Foundation project on community partnership in health personnel training

External examiner for a number of M.Sc examinations and theses, a list of which may be consulted in the files of the Secretariat.

Consultant

Mental health research project, Psychological Association of South Africa (PASA)

16PF tests, The understanding of the English language by Blacks (Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC))

Self-concept test for adolescents (HSRC Project)

Building Nation Project: Parenting, (SOWETAN newspaper, 1990-1993)

SOS (Mamelodi) Tsosolotso Place of Safety (Soshanguve)

Neo School for the Intellectually Impaired (Ga-Rankuwa, Mabopane and Brits)

Child welfare, (Atteridgeville) Pabalelo Place of Safety (Ga-Rankuwa)

Executive Committee Member, Board of Management, MEDICOS School for Intellectually Impaired Children (Shoshanguve)

Advisory group member, University of the Witwatersrand, women's mental health project (1994)

Mkhoto We Sizwe (MK) Integration with South African National Defence Force (Military Psychology Group) (1994)

Has supervised a number of research theses, a list of which may be consulted in the files of the Secretariat.

Publications

Disorder of cognition in children, Educational Practice 4, 13-20, 1983

Bonding between mothers and children with congenital deformities, Journal of Children Psychiatry and Allied Professions

A place called school - heaven or torture, Journal of Social Work Practice

Marital bliss or marital glory, Institute of Family Therapy Memograph

The psychology of the disabled: Crippled Care Monographs

Psychology and the school, Journal of Social Work Practice, 1989

Neuropsychological learning problems in young schoolgoing children, Journal of Social Work, Pretoria, 1991

A full list of papers presented at conferences and in television appearances is available for consultation in the files of the Secretariat.

Director of research projects

Former Director of the following completed research projects:

Developing positive self concept in Black children; Single parenthood; The significance of the hand and the implications of hand surgery among Black people; Adolescent pregnancy; Parenthood; The social context of Black South Africans; Perceptions of doctors and nurses: Conflict of interests; Pain assessment and management in children: social support and cancer; Emotional state of kidney dialysis patients

Swithun Tachiona Mombeshora (Zimbabwe)

Date of birth	20 August 1945
Place of birth	Mhondoro Communal Area, Chegutu
Education	
1967-1972	University College of Rhodesia medical course; awarded University of Birmingham Medical Degree (MB.ChB)
Employment history	
1973	Housemanship, Harare Hospital
January-June 1974	Senior House Officer, Department of Radiology
July-December 1974	Hospital Medical Officer, Mpilo Central Hospital
1975	Senior House Officer in Paediatrics, then Obstetrics and Gynaecology
1976	Government Medical Officer at Marondera Hospital
1976-1980	Full-time private medical practitioner, Mabvuku and Mbare
1980	Member of Parliament
1981-1985	Deputy Minister of Agriculture
1985-1988	Deputy Minister of Lands, Agriculture and Rural Resettlement
March 1988-August 1990	Deputy Minister of Health
August 1990-April 1995	Minister of State for Local Government, Rural and Urban Development
May 1995-April 1996	Provincial Governor/Resident Minister Mashonaland West Province
May 1996 to date	Minister of Mines

Other positions

Trustee of Nyami-Nyami Wildlife Trust
Chairman of Red Cross - Mashonaland West Chapter and
Member of the National Executive
Patron, Mangula Football Club
Member, Committee on the Rights of the Child since its inception in February 1991

Political position

Member of Parliament for Makonde Constituency
Member of the ZANU-PF Central Committee and
Chairman of ZANU-PF Mashonaland West Province

Nancy Ngom Ndiaye (Senegal)

Born 10 January 1945 in Dakar, Senegal

Married, 6 children

Education

Baccalaureate, A4 series
B.A. in arts and letters (history and geography)
M.A. in law (public law)
Diploma from the National School of the Judiciary

Specialized training

Diploma in human resources management
Diploma from the training course on the rights of the child, Bordeaux International School, France
Diploma from the training course on action to combat drug abuse
Seminar on the rights of the child, Montreal Institute of Law of the French-Speaking Countries
Defence for Children International Seminar on prevention in relation to the rights of the child, Burkina Faso
Seminar held in Mali with the Canadian International Cooperation Centre on Human Rights
Training seminars on the rights of the child organized by UNICEF
Training seminar on the rights of the child organized by the Réseau africain
Training seminar on the rights of the child organized by Child Watch
Seminar on immigration organized by the Judicial Protection Department, (Ministry of Justice), France
Seminar on integration organizations with the International Institute of Law of the French-Speaking Countries

Qualifications

Teaching

Professor of history and geography

1973-1975	Lycée Abdoulaye Sadji Rufisque (Dakar)
1975-1977	Annexe Lycée Delafosse (Dakar)
1977-1978	Lycée Faidherbe de Saint-Louis

Judiciary

Deputy Prosecutor

1980-1982	Dakar Regional Court
1980-1985	Thiès Regional Court
1985-1987	Kaolack Regional Court
1987-1989	Dakar Regional Court

Specialized education

1989 to present Director of Correctional Education and Social Protection

Special criteria

Consultant with the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees for one month
Ability to travel extensively in any situation, as required
Great ability to establish and maintain interpersonal relations

Languages

French, English, Spanish

Rolando Quirós Fonseca (Costa Rica)

Education

1955 B.A., Business Administration
University of Illinois, United States

1971 Diploma, Graduate School of Banking
University of Wisconsin, United States

Other postgraduate courses:

Child development
International Children's Centre
Paris, France

Public administration
Gatulio Vargas Foundation, Brazil

Social aspects of development
Sussex University, United Kingdom

Main posts held

Director, Office of the First Lady, Office of the President of the Republic, Costa Rica

Member, Council on Central American Social Integration

Director General, Latin American Studies and Research Foundation, Costa Rica

Manager of AID financial projects, Costa Rica

Adviser, Ministry of Justice, Costa Rica

Founder and General Coordinator, Network for Children and the Family, Latin America and the Caribbean, Costa Rica

Adviser, Office of the First Lady and Second Vice-President of the Republic, Costa Rica

Director General, DEXTRO Consultants
Mexico

Director General, Latin American Studies and Research, Mexico

Adviser, Rural Development Programme, Office of Programme and Budget, Mexico

Representative for Central America, Panama and Belize, United Nations Children's Fund

Comptroller, Central American Bank for Economic Integration, Honduras

Consultancies

UNDP support project on decision-making, Office of the President of the Republic, Costa Rica

World Bank, Study of agricultural training capacity in Central America and Mexico

Evaluation of former students of CATIE (Tropical Agronomy Centre for Research and Teaching) and design of the follow-up programme, Central America, Caribbean, Mexico and Panama

UNDP, Establishment of the national system of international cooperation, Mexico

Coordination of the workshop on housing projects for Latin America, Housing Promotion Foundation (FUPROVI), Costa Rica

Research projects

Population Council, Women and self-help building projects, Mexico

CONYCIT, Problems of rural migrant families, Mexico

Grupo Mujer y Ciudad, training for participation in income-earning groups

Other activities

President, Defence for Children International, Costa Rica

Member, Committee to Review the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Founding member, International Forum for Child Welfare, Geneva, Switzerland

Boards and governing councils

A full list of memberships of boards and governing councils is available for consultation in the files of the Secretariat.

Ghassan Salim Rahah (Lebanon)

Married, with two children

Born in Beirut in September 1949

University education

Faculty of Law, Lebanese University
B.A. in law, 1973
Two diplomas of higher studies, 1983
Diploma of Doctor of Laws, 1987
Diploma of the Institute of Legal Studies, 1987

Professor in the Faculties of Law and Business Administration of the Lebanese University

Legal posts

President, Court of First Instance, southern Lebanon, until the present

Social work

President of the Association for the Protection of Minors in Lebanon (founded in 1939), which provides care for delinquent or potentially delinquent minors

Publications

The Problem of Crime during the Two-Year War, 1979
Is Capital Punishment a Solution or a Problem?
Commercial Criminal Law, 1989
Modern Trends in Juvenile Justice, 1991
History of Social Welfare Legislation and Regulations, 1993
Research and articles published by specialized reviews in Lebanon and abroad in Arabic and in English

Participation in local, Arabic and international conferences, including:

Conference of the Organization of Friends of Priscners in the World, held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, in September 1993: Legal situation of prisoners aged under 18 years
Conference in Amman, Jordan, on children of war
Conference in Washington D.C. on minors and their rights and obligations
London Conference: Juvenile crime, reasons and treatment

Participation in the drafting of legislation on delinquent minors, with the most important provisions relating to the raising of the minimum age for admission to employment of children from 8 to 13 years, automatic legal assistance during proceedings and not referring to sentences against minors in their records

Anita Rektina (Latvia)

Born on 1 January 1953 in Riga

Education 1972-1979 Latvian University, Faculty of Law
1961-1971 Riga High School Nr. 50

Work experience Since 1991, Law Offices "Rektina un Mieze", sworn advocate

1989-1991 State Inspection for Monument Protection, lawyer

1979-1989 Prosecutor's Office of Lenina district, Riga, prosecutor's assistant.

Public activities Law consultant and member of the Board of the Latvian "Save the Children" organization since 1991

Member of the International Bar Association, Committees of Human Rights, Family Law and Human Rights Institute since 1993

Participation in conferences:

Stockholm 1992, Seminar on children's rights protection issues

Strasbourg (Council of Europe) 1992, participation in the work of Custody Committee

London 1992, Conference on children's rights protection issues

Vienna 1994, United Nations women's regional conference, on human rights issues

New Orleans 1993, IBA Conference, participation in the work of Human Rights Committee

1992-1995, member of governmental committee for children's rights protection

Family status Married, two children

Marilia Sardenberg (Brazil)

Born in Curitiba, State of Paranà, Brazil

Bachelor of Arts, Pontifical Catholic University, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Diplomat, Diplomatic Academy of the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations (Instituto Rio-Branco), 1972, Brasilia, DF, Brazil

Special training course for Brazilian diplomats, Diplomatic Academy of the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations, 1989, Brasilia, DF

Master's Degree, Diplomatic Academy of the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations, (Instituto Rio-Branco), 1995, Brasilia, DF

Married, one daughter and one son

Present assignment

Deputy Consul-General of Brazil in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, since 1994

Recent assignments

Elected member, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, 1993-1997

Alternate member, Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, 1990-1994, 1994-1998

Alternate to the Brazilian delegate to the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) of the Organization of American States (OAS), Washington, D.C., 1992-1994

Executive Coordinator, Office of the Brazilian Minister for External Relations, Brasilia, DF, 1993-1994

Representative of the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations on the National Council on the Rights of the Child and Adolescent (CONANDA). Brasilia, DF, 1992-1994

Executive Coordinator, Office of the Secretary-General of the Brazilian Ministry for External Relations, Brasilia, DF, 1992-1993

Counsellor-Adviser to the Secretary-General of the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations, Brasilia, DF, 1990-1992

First Secretary, Brazilian delegation for disarmament and human rights, Geneva, 1987-1990

Adviser to the Under-Secretary-General for Multilateral Political Affairs, Brazilian Ministry for External Relations, Brasilia, DF, 1985-1986

Adviser to the Under-Secretary-General for Coordination and Planning, Brazilian Ministry for External Relations, Brasilia, DF, 1985

International/regional meetings and seminars in the field of the rights of the child

Committee on the Rights of the Child, regular sessions, Geneva, 1993-1996

Committee on the Rights of the Child pre-sessional working group meetings, Geneva, 1993-1996

Committee on the Rights of the Child informal meeting, Katmandu, Nepal, 1995

Committee on the Rights of the Child, members visit to Pakistan, 1995

Preparatory meeting for the Symposium on Education and Training concerning the Rights of the Child, Bethlehem, July 1996

European Conference on Street Children Worldwide, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, June 1996

Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements - (Habitat-II), Istanbul, June 1996

Meeting of the Mediterranean Group on Education for Development: what is the role of women for the future of the new generations? Catania, Italy, April 1996

Seminar against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents in the Americas, preparatory Inter-American meeting for the Stockholm Congress on Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, Brasilia, DF, Brazil, April 1996

United Nations Panel on the Convention on the Rights of the Child - CEDAW: the links? United Nations Headquarters, New York, March 1996

International Seminar on Current Social Trends and their Implications for Policing - the situation of juveniles, Polizei-Fuhrundsakademie, Munster, Germany, February 1996

Centre for Human Rights, expert group meeting on the human right to adequate housing, Geneva, January 1996

Centre for Human Rights, expert group meeting on the development of gender-sensitive guidelines for integration into human rights activities and programmes, Geneva, July 1995

Seminar on "Human rights after Vienna: the incorporation of the international provisions into Brazilian Law - vulnerable groups", Brasilia, DF, 1993

Conference-discussion on the draft United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, BICE/UNESCO, Paris, 1989

Brazilian representative at the UNICEF Seminar on the Draft Convention on the Rights of the Child for Portuguese-speaking Countries, Lisbon, 1988

Brazilian delegate to the Working Group on the question of a convention on the rights of the child, Geneva, 1988-1989

A list of other meetings attended is available for consultation in the files of the Secretariat.

Selected papers and presentations

"A City for all - General perceptions on human development and children's rights", Institute for Social Studies, The Hague, July 1996

"The Convention on the Rights of the Child and the work of its monitoring body, the Committee on the Rights of the Child", European Conference on Street Children Worldwide, Amsterdam, June 1996

"After Beijing: Problems and hopes for Women and the girl child", Mediterranean Group meeting, Catania, Italy, April 1996

"The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women: the links? Preliminary considerations and topics for discussion", The Hague, March 1996

"Human rights and the children of the world - the current situation", International Seminar on Current Social Trends and their Implications for Policing - the situation of juveniles, Munster, Germany, February 1996

"A Criança e seus direitos, novo tema internacional. Avaliação e Perspectivas da Atuação Diplomàtica Brasileira", High Studies Course of the Diplomatic Academy of the Brazilian Ministry for External Relations (Instituto Rio-Branco), Brasilia, DF, November 1995

"A Criança e o Adolescents nos Acordos Internacionais de Proteção dos Direitos Humanos", University of the State of Rio de Janairo (UERF), Brazil, June 1994

"Grupos vulneràveis: os direitos da Mulher e da Criança em Viena", Seminàrio sobre os Direitos Humanos apos Viena, Instituto Interamericano de Direitos Humanos, Brasilia, DF, November 1993

"O Itamaraty e a Questão da Criança: o àngulo da cooperação internacional", Brazilian Ministry for Social Welfare and Assistance, Brasilia, DF, April 1993

"Les enjeux de la Convention pour un pays d'Amérique Latine", Conference-discussion on the draft United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, BICE/UNESCO, Paris, 1989

Decorations/honours

Rio-Branco Order of Merit, Brazil, 1990, 1994

UNICEF "Child and Peace" Prize, Brasilia, DF, 1994

Omar Tumi Shebani (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)

Born in Misurata, Libya, 25 April 1930

Education

Doctorate in Education (Ed D) from the George Washington University, Washington, D.C., February 1963

M.A. in Education from the American University, Washington, D.C., June 1959

Higher Diploma in Education and Psychology, from the Higher Institute of Education, Ain Shams University, Cairo, 1956

Higher Diploma in Islamic History from the College of Dar Al-Ulum, Cairo University, Cairo, 1956 and College of Dar Al-Ulum, Cairo University, 1955

Languages

Arabic, English and Italian

Experience

Full professor of Education from 1975 up to now

Associate professor of Education from 1972 to 1975

President of the Libyan University, then Tripoli University, 1969-1974

Undersecretary of youth care and Guidance, Libyan Ministry of Youth and Sports, 1967-1969

Secretary of the Higher Council of Education, Libyan Ministry of Education, 1966-1967

Vice Dean of the Higher College of Teacher Training, Tripoli, Libya, 1965-1966

Lecturer in Education and Psychology at the College of Liberal arts and Education, Libyan University, Benghazi, Libya, 1962-1965

Demonstrator in Education from 1957-1962

Teacher of Education and Psychology in a teacher training institutue, 1956-1957

Teaching experience

Amongst the subjects and courses taught at the university level are the following: formal logic, Islamic philosophy, philosophy, philosophy of Islamic education, foundations of education, philosophy of education, history of education, comparative education, educational sociology, education and social and economic development, educational planning, methods of teaching, methods of teaching the Arabic language and Islamic studies, methods of educational

research, educational statistics, general psychology, educational psychology, social psychology, human relations, mental health, school administration and administrative psychology, vocational guidance.

Research work and academic and cultural contribution

Participated in field research related to the (utilization of knowledge in Libya) with another Libyan colleague and two American professors from the Department of Sociology at the University of Pittsburg, United States

Headed a research team surveying and studying the needs of Libyan children and youth at the national level; the study was completed in 1987

Wrote a number of books, most of them are used as textbooks

A selected list of books written is available for consultation in the Secretariat's files.

Translated the following books from English to Arabic:

Your Doctor is Talking to You, 1978
Palestine and the Holy Book, 1978

Wrote more than 70 articles on education and related subjects published in Libyan magazines and in some other Arabic professional and cultural magazines in various Arab countries (Tunisia, Algeria and Lebanon).

Prepared a number of studies for regional and international organizations.

Participated in more than 65 Scientific conferences and seminars.

Bernard Mulunda Simpokolwe (Zambia)

Personal details

Date of birth	7 June 1949
Marital status	Married with six children

Education

1972-1974	Natural Resources Development College, Lusaka; Diploma in Agricultural Education, with Credit
1980-1990	Phillip Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Australia; Bachelor of Arts Degree with distinction in Youth Affairs and Public Administration.

Work experience

1975-1979	Secondary school teacher, Agricultural and General Sciences, Kafue U.C.Z. Secondary School
1980-1981	Regional Manager, Zambia Horticultural Products Limited, Chipata and Mongu
1981-1988	Senior Youth Development Officer and Deputy Commissioner of Youth, Ministry of General Education, Youth Sport and Child Development
1988-1990	Whilst training in Australia, and as part of the training, the following work related experience: June-July 1988: Worked for five weeks with the Community Programmes Department of the Department of Education and Training in Canberra, Australia, examining youth involvement in programmes July-October 1989: Worked for the Department of Labour, Youth Division in Melbourne researching income generating initiatives for school leavers August 1990: Worked for the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria, a non-governmental organization, researching the Government's income support mechanisms for disadvantaged young people
January 1995	Part-time lecturer at the Natural Resources Development College, Lusaka, in Sociology and Education for Development

Membership of voluntary and professional bodies

1972-1979	Zambia Association for Agricultural Science Teachers
1980-1988	Young Men's Christian Association
1981-1988	Outward Bound Association of Zambia
1988-1990	Youth Affairs Council of Victoria, Australia
1989-1990	Chairperson, Community Aid Abroad, Southern African Sub-Committee, Victoria, Australia

Unpublished research documents and reports

A short history of youth work in Zambia (1988)

Youth income: A study of income distribution among young people in Victoria, Australia (1990)

Youth and community work: A study tour report of Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and New Zealand (1989)

Youth participation in national development in Zambia - a paper on policy and programme direction for the United National Independence Party (UNIP). This paper was written in partnership with Mr. A.B. Matongo, Lecturer at the University of Zambia, 1987

Planning HIV/AIDS Prevention Programmes by Youth in Africa, a manual for youth workers and youths with HIV/AIDS in Africa, to be published soon by the Commonwealth Youth Programme

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Date and place of birth:	21 May 1941, Barcelona
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Education

Degrees in philosophy and theology

Employment

1965-1987	Secondary school teacher
1971-1972	Rural parish priest (Charagua)
1982-1990	Teacher of Jesuit students
1987 to present	Director, Defence for Children International (DNI), Bolivia

Professional experience

1973-1988	Member of the Human Rights Association, Santa Cruz and Cochabamba
1977	Chairman of the Santa Cruz Human Rights Association
1985	Founder, DNI-Bolivia
1985 to present	National President, DNI-Bolivia
Since 1989	Member, International Executive Council of DNI (world level)
Since 1992	Vice-President of DNI for Latin America and the Caribbean
1988 to 1995	Member, Executive Committee of the National Coordinating Body for work with children and adolescents
1992 to present	Member of the Latin American Collective for the Rights of the Child
1991	Author of the non-governmental report to the Commission on the implementation of the United Nations Convention
1993	Representative of DNI to UNITAS, Bolivia

1994	Organizer of the second Latin American Forum on the Implementation of the Convention, held in Cochabamba
1995	Member of the Latin American Platform on Human Rights, Democracy and Development
1995	Representative of DNI for an agreement with the Andean Parliament-DNI

Participation in meetings

As a representative

1988	First Seminar on Legal and Social Problems, Cochabamba
1988	Seminar on the Rights of the Child, organized by Caritas Netherlands in Amsterdam
1988	Analysis of the future Convention on the Rights of the Child in Latin America, Buenos Aires
1990	Seminar on the situation of children in Latin America, held in Uruguay
1991	Analysis of the situation of children in the countries of the South, organized by INDRA (University of Amsterdam)
1989	First Latin American Seminar: Governments-NGOs on political exchanges on behalf of children, Argentina
1993	Third Latin American Seminar: Governments-NGOs on political exchanges on behalf of children, Brazil
1995	Fourth Latin American Seminar: Governments-NGOs on political exchanges on behalf of children, Bolivia
1992	First Latin American Forum with grass-roots coordinators and organizations on the situation of children in Ecuador
1994	First Latin American Forum with grass-roots coordinators and organizations on the situation of children in Cochabamba

Seminars and world assemblies organized by DNI in:

1986 Mexico
1989 Finland
1992 Spain
1996 Latin American seminar on the elimination of child labour by the year 2000 (Colombia)
1996 Seminar on child and adolescent labour (Paraguay)

Publications

All issues of Nuestros Derechos since 1988

Sale of and Traffic in Children in Bolivia, 1987

Granja de Chimoré: Rehabilitation? Production? Extinction? 1987

Abandoned Children in Cochabamba, 1987

Street Children in the City of Cochabamba, 1988

Legal and Social Problems of Minors, 1989

Child Workers in the City of Cochabamba, 1989

Life and experiences of Children Raised in Children's Homes, 1990

Ill-Treatment in Bolivia, 1991

Girl and Adolescent Domestic Employees, 1992

What do Latin American Children Think of the Family?, 1993

Do Children Enjoy Their Rights, 1995

Ten Years of History, 1995

Minors' Code (in force), Children's and Adolescents' Code (draft) Comparative Analysis, 1996

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1946	Graduated from Gazi High School in Ankara, Turkey
1953	Graduated from Istanbul University Medical School with an M.D. Degree
1953-1958	Practice of general medicine in different institutions and services in the Turkish Army
1958-1959	Rotation internship at Doctor's Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio
1959-1962	Residency training in General Psychiatry at Western Psychiatric Institute of Pittsburgh University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
1962-1964	Training in child and adolescent psychiatry at the Children's Psychiatric Hospital, University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, Michigan
1964-1972	Staff member of the Medical Faculty of Hacettepe University, Ankara
1972-1974	Guest lecturer at the Department of Psychiatry of the University of Miami Medical School, Miami, Florida
1974-1996	Professor of Child Psychiatry, Chief of The Division of Child Psychiatry at the Medical School of Hacettepe University, Ankara
January 1996-present	Emeritus Faculty Member at the Medical School of Hacettepe University, Ankara

Affiliations

Present:	President, Turkish Association of Child and Adolescent Mental Health
Past:	Research expert on rights of children under protection, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France (1971)
	Expert on children's mental health at the International Pediatric Association (Served four consecutive years beginning 1984)
	Member of Council of Health, Turkish Ministry of Health (1984-1985)

Publications in English

Articles

"The Sense of humor, psychopathology and a humor test", in Psychiatric Communications 3, pp. 93-96, 1960

"Responses of psychiatric patients to a battery of cartoons and jokes", in Psychiatric Communications 6, pp. 9-16, 1963

"Children not severely damaged by incest with a parent", in J. Amer. Acad. Child Psychiatry 5, pp. 111-124, 1966

"Psychodynamics and psychotherapy of an obsessive compulsive reaction in an adolescent" in Turkish J. Pediatrics 9, pp. 165-173, 1967

"Children's immediate reactions to death in the family", in Turkish J. Pediatrics 13, pp. 72-84, 1971

"Children's favorite jokes and their relation to emotional conflicts", in J. Amer. Acad. Child Psychiatry 13, pp. 677-690, 1974

"The importance of psychosocial care in pediatrics", in Turkish J. Pediatrics 18, pp. 65-71, 1976 (with Orhan Öztürk)

Chapters in books

Chapter V, "Research", pp. 43-51, in Social Measures regarding the Placing of Children in Community Homes or Foster Families, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 1973

"Favorite jokes of children and their dynamic relation to intra-familial conflicts", in It's a Funny Thing, Humour, Eds. T. Chapman and H. Foot, Oxford, Pergamon Press, 1977, pp. 407-411

"Children not severely damaged by incest with a parent", Traumatic Abuse and Neglect of Children at Home, Eds. G.J. Williams and J. Money, Baltimore, The Johns Hopkins Univ. Press, 1980, pp. 455-465

"Favorite jokes and their use in psychotherapy with children and parents", Handbook of Humor and Psychotherapy, vol. 2, Eds. W.F. Fry and W.A. Salameh, Sarasota, Fl., Professional Resource Exchange Inc., 1990

Numerous articles and monographs in Turkish, as well as contributions to newspapers, public meetings and television programmes advocating children's rights and emphasizing their emotional needs.

Books in English in which Prof. Yörükoglu's works are cited

A list of books and articles in English in which Dr. Yörükoglu's works are cited is available for consultation in the Secretariat's files.

Books in Turkish

1. "Child mental health", 1978 (20th Edition)
2. "Adolescence", 1985
3. "Child and family in a changing world", 1983
4. "Mental health and emotional disorders", 1980